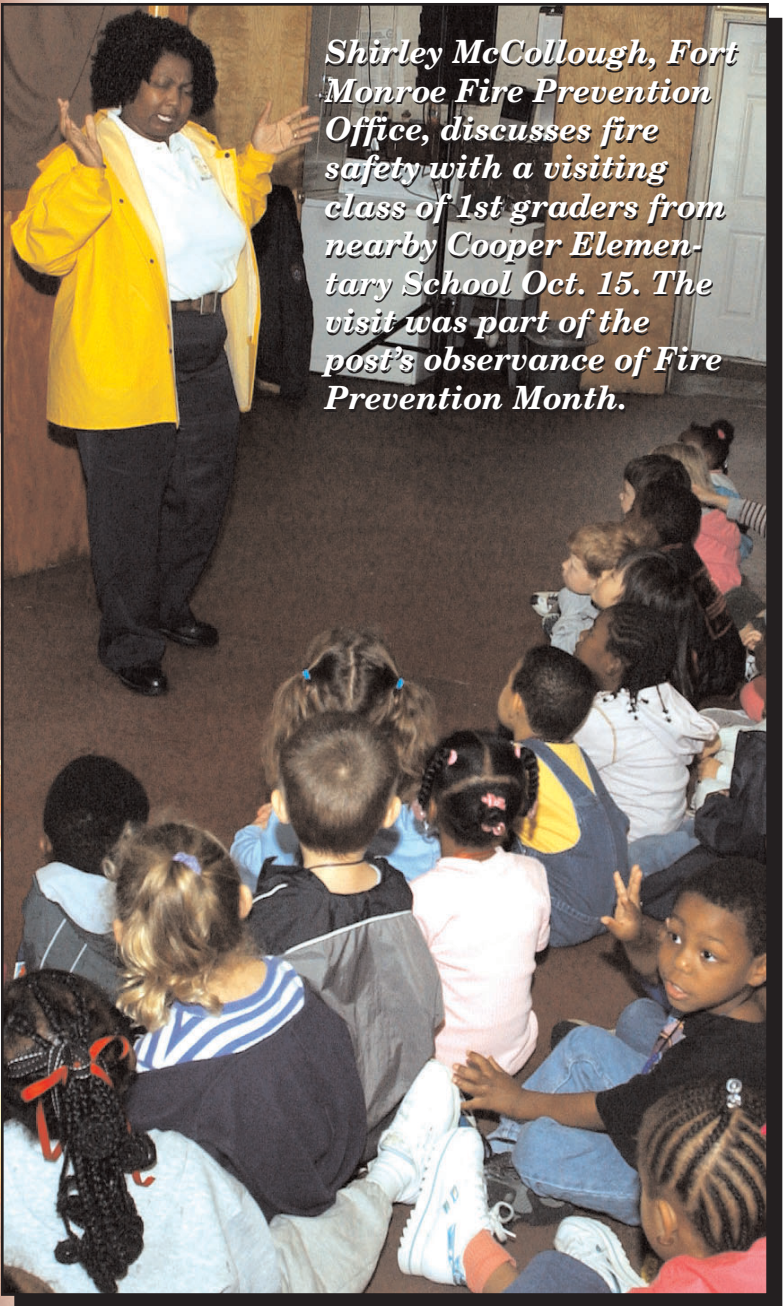
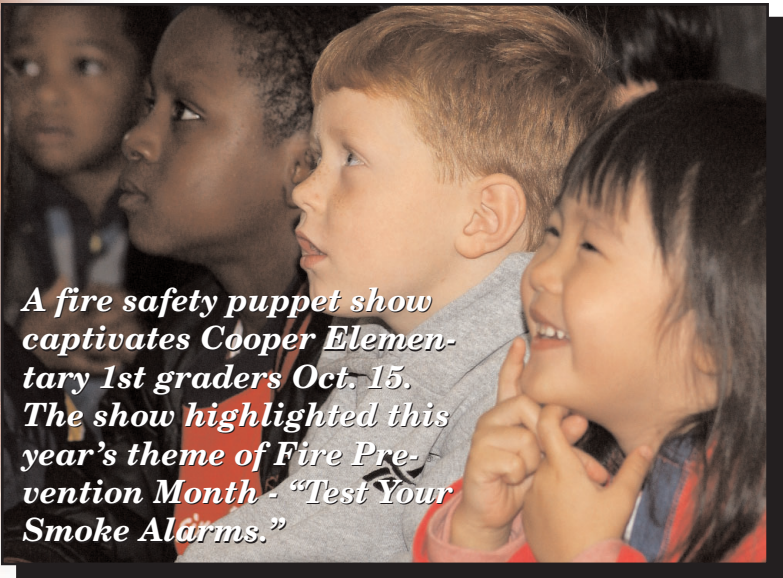
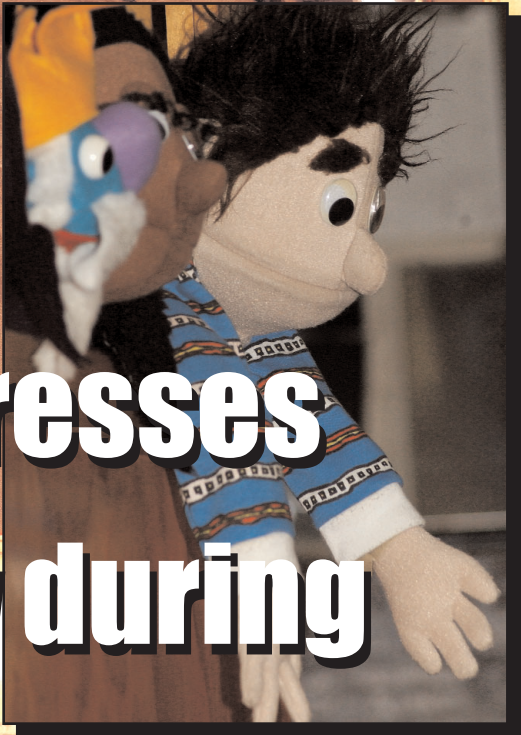


*Fort Monroe firefighter David Earl dons protective equipment during a demonstration for Cooper Elementary students Oct. 15*



*Shirley McCollough, Fort Monroe Fire Prevention Office, discusses fire safety with a visiting class of 1st graders from nearby Cooper Elementary School Oct. 15. The visit was part of the post's observance of Fire Prevention Month.*



*A fire safety puppet show captivates Cooper Elementary 1st graders Oct. 15. The show highlighted this year's theme of Fire Prevention Month - "Test Your Smoke Alarms."*

# Station stresses fire safety during October observance



## A few facts about smoke alarms

With an average cost of less than \$20 each, a smoke alarm can reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

There are two types of alarms available today: photoelectric and ionization. The photoelectric alarm generally responds faster to smoldering smoke conditions and the ionization alarm responds quicker to flaming fires. Combination alarms featuring both types of technology are available.

Install at least one smoke alarm on each floor of your house and outside all sleeping areas.

Test your smoke alarms at least once a month and, for maximum safety, replace batteries during daylight savings time every six months.